

MAKE PROTEST
ON CRUELTYFour Aged Men Killed By
Mexican Federal Troops

IN ATTACK ON FARMHOUSE

Americans, After Viewing the Remains of the Victims, Joined in Making a Protest to Washington—Federalists Defeated in Battle.

Mulata, Mexico, Feb. 12.—In a two days' fight with insurgents, Mexican federal soldiers under General Lugo sustained a loss of from ten to twenty killed and then they withdrew to Ojinaga. The insurgents under Ortiga engaged with the federals and exhausted their ammunition so that they were unable to stop the retreat of the federals. Four aged men were slain by federal troops in a farmhouse near Mulata. Many Americans, after viewing the bodies, joined in making a protest to Washington.

MEXICAN REBELS CAUTIOUS.

Country 100 Miles South of El Paso Practically Deserted.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 12.—Jefe Politico Martinez's public reception to Gen. Navarro did not arrive. An insurgent courier located the federal leader at a lake a few miles southwest of Ahumada, a station on the Mexican Central railroad about 80 miles south.

The insurgent forces are scattered between Ahumada and Juarez, wherever they can find pasture and water. The country for 100 miles south of here is practically deserted.

Manuel Casillas, probably the best educated of the insurgent leaders, who has been in El Paso at a council of war for three days, was captured by American soldiers at Tysleta yesterday. Casillas was trying to get across the river to join his command. He carried a rifle, in violation of the neutrality laws, and was taken into custody.

Navarro, fearing mines under the tracks or bridges, is said to be proceeding at a snail's pace. The track is expected along the train which, together with the repairs he is compelled to make, makes his advance a tedious one.

OF CONCORD GRANITE.

St. Louis Cathedral Will Eclipse Famous Westminster Building.

Concord, N. H., Feb. 12.—It is hoped to have the new Roman Catholic cathedral in St. Louis, which is to cost \$2,000,000, whose corner stone was laid two and one-half years ago, with great ceremony, in which Cardinal Gibbons, several archbishops and other church dignitaries took part, ready for consecration next year. It is claimed that this cathedral will eclipse in size and beauty the celebrated Westminster cathedral of London. In the building more than 135,000 cubic feet of beautiful gray granite, cut, dressed and chiseled at the quarries in Concord, will be used, and it will cover an area of 13,500 feet. The building operations have reached an interesting stage, as set forth in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Work has been begun on the great center dome, which is to be a solid arch of reinforced concrete, spherical in shape, rising to a height of 227 feet above the level of the street, and the first of its kind ever erected, on plans originated by the architects of the edifice. The work of constructing the wooden forms upon which the great concrete dome is to be molded in one solid shell, are nearly completed, but it will be several months before the dome, which is by far the most difficult problem with which the architect has had to contend in the work of construction, will be completed and ready for the stone, lantern, or cupola, which is to surmount it, to serve as an observatory to be in turn surmounted by a huge gold cross that will easily be seen from all parts of St. Louis. Beneath and within this huge dome, 175 feet in diameter, will be a second concrete dome, forming the concave ceiling, which will be highly decorated with beautiful and costly mosaics.

DRINKS ACID FOR TONIC.

Girl Makes Mistake in Bottles but Will Recover.

Stamford, Ct., Feb. 13.—Miss Carrie Adams, an anæsthetic, about 25 years old, was taken to the Stamford hospital late Saturday night in a serious condition from carbolic acid which she had swallowed while in the company of Robert Ryle, a Stamford young man. Yesterday afternoon she was removed from the hospital to her home. Her condition was still serious, though improved. A mistake in medicine bottles was responsible for Miss Adams' condition, her father said last night.

"Carrie had been in ill health and was taking a tonic," he said. "Yesterday she went to a theatre in New York, with her mother and sister. They returned in the evening and Carrie went on to South Norwalk to spend a few days. She returned to Stamford later, met Mr. Ryle, and they went for a short walk."

"Then she went to her employers' office for the tonic, and in the darkness got hold of a bottle of carbolic acid, instead."

TWO MEN KILLED.

And Woman May Die in a Montreal Tenement Catastrophe.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 12.—Two men, Joseph Phillips, 70 years old, and Michael McMahon, 47, lost their lives in a fire which damaged a boarding house on Prince street owned by Phillips. An overboard stovepipe caused the fire. Mrs. Phillips was rescued by the firemen, but she was so severely burned that she may die.

Few good values in waists, 75c, at Fitts.

BOSTON SAFE ROBBERY.

Tremont Street Store Visited Yesterday Morning.

Boston, Feb. 12.—The store of the Subway jewelry company at 323 Tremont street was broken into early yesterday morning and the thieves rifled the safe and took watches and jewelry valued at over \$2,000, according to Philip Rahhins, the proprietor. The police of station four and inspectors from headquarters are making an investigation.

A first estimate by Mr. Rahhins of the value of the articles taken was over \$2,000. Later he told the police that he had found in another part of the store \$4,000 worth of diamonds which he thought had been taken from the safe. Among the articles Mr. Rahhins claims were taken were 64 gold watches, but he was unable to give the police the numbers of the watches or show receipts bills for them. It is said that the stock in the store was covered by several thousand dollars insurance.

The robbery took place shortly after 3 a. m. At this time Mrs. James Lawson of 3 Jefferson street attracted to the store by her outcries patrolmen Donavan and Balk of the Lagrange station. Mrs. Lawson, whose home is in the rear of the jewelry store, informed the officers that a robbery had taken place. An examination of the premises showed that the gate to an alleyway running beside the store had been broken down and that a side window had been forced, but yielded no clue as to those who might have entered the store.

CLASH WITH POLICE.

Yale University Students Get Into Trouble Thereby.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 12.—A body of Yale undergraduates, mostly freshmen, clashed with the police yesterday afternoon as the outcome of a snow-balling contest in front of the Pierson, a freshmen dormitory in York street. The trouble began in an exchange of snowballs between the occupants of dormitories on opposite sides of the street. The number of contestants gradually increased and civilians and trolley cars which were passing received some of the missiles.

An officer attempted to stop the engagement and while arguing with the students was hit by a snowball. Thereupon he attempted to make an arrest but the students resisted and made common cause against him when he had seized one of their number. Two officers in plain clothes then took a hand in the affair and in a few minutes other reinforcements arrived.

Four students were arrested, two charged with a breach of the peace, one with interfering with an officer and one with breach of the peace and resisting an officer. The students arrested, all freshmen, were Frederick F. Williams of Baltimore; Ralph W. Wolf, Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Clarence C. Prentice, Buffalo, N. Y., and John L. Hoffman, Radnor, Pa. Williams was released on \$250 bonds and the other three on \$75 bonds each.

HELD UP POLICE.

Burley Negro Who Attacked Officer Finally Captured.

Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—Barred behind a pile of cotton bales on a pier at the foot of Chestnut street, an alleged highwayman held a squad of policemen at bay here yesterday until his ammunition was exhausted. The besieged man, a powerfully built negro, 6 feet 3 inches in height, was charged with attacking Robert Warren, aged 63 years, a watchman on the pier, and beating him so severely that he was removed to a hospital in an unconscious condition.

Police who came to Warren's rescue were fired upon by the watchman's assailant. Finally, by raising their helmets on sticks, they drew the negro's fire and caused him to waste all his ammunition. The police then rushed the improvised fort and took the man. He gave his name as Robert Johnson. He was held without bail to answer a charge of highway robbery.

THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Desautel of Winoski Observed Event.

Winoski, Feb. 12.—Saturday was the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Desautel of 25 Hickok street. They are 73 years of age and were married in St. Gregoire, P. Q., in 1861, by the Rev. Octave Monet. About 47 years ago they moved to Vermont, first making their home in Charlotte and coming to this village 30 years ago, where they have since resided. Thirteen children were born to them, of whom ten are now living. They have 47 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. The celebration of the event will take place in June when they expect to have a family reunion, their children coming from all parts of this country and Canada. Saturday and yesterday they received congratulations from friends and relatives. This morning at seven o'clock a mass was held in their honor at St. Francis Xavier church. Peter Desautel of Barre, their son, was at their home yesterday.

CAVITI IS DEAD.

Victim in Accidental Shooting Affray at Milford Succumbs.

Milford, N. H., Feb. 12.—Dominic Caviti, who was shot Wednesday near South Milford by his son, whose gun was accidentally discharged, died yesterday at the Massachusetts General hospital, where he had been taken immediately after the accident.

The physicians in charge of the case found it necessary to amputate Mr. Caviti's leg near the body in order to prevent blood poisoning, but the strain was too great. Death came Sunday afternoon after a period of gradual sinking.

WORST OF WINTER.

Fire Which Did Damage of \$100,000 in Boston.

Boston, Feb. 12.—Fire, which for a time threatened several structures, including the Fort Hill square fire house, burned out the six-story John L. Whitely building at 221 High street, occupied by several concerns, at 3:30 o'clock Sunday morning, causing damage of between \$75,000 and \$100,000. The fire assumed such alarming proportions for a half hour following its discovery that Chief Mullen sent in four alarms, bringing apparatus from every section of the city to the scene.

TAFT RETURNS
IN HIGH GLEEOver Progress Being Made
For Canadian Reciprocity

TO START NEW CAMPAIGN

Cabinet Ministers to Go Out Advocating Proposed Agreement—Taft Feels That Fight Has Been Won in the House.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—President Taft arrived here this morning from his trip to Columbus, Ohio, and Springfield, Ill. He was in high spirits and showed no ill effects from his trip. It is declared that President Taft will push the fight for Canadian reciprocity with renewed vigor. A number of important conferences have been planned for this week, particularly with reference to the situation in the Senate, since he feels that the House problem was solved with the reporting of the McCall bill Saturday.

In furtherance of his campaign, President Taft will send several cabinet members out into the field. Secretary Knox is to speak Wednesday at Chicago. Secretary Nagel will speak next week at Akron, Ohio. Secretary Wilson will speak at Buffalo, February 22, and Attorney General Wickham will have several speaking engagements this week. All these cabinet officers will make reciprocity their theme.

The president is as sanguine that reciprocity with Canada will prove a success as he was that practical free trade with the Philippines would do so. He advocated radical tariff concessions to the Philippines upon practically the same grounds that he now is urging reciprocity with Canada. Free trade with the Philippines, however, was bitterly fought and did not become a law until a little more than a year ago. It was pointed out on the president's train that the ghosts of "injured interests" raised up against the Philippine proposition soon vanished into thin air and that not a single interest was injured. On the other hand the people of the faraway islands were distinctly benefited, the trade between the United States and the islands rapidly increased and the American customs receipts during the first year of the new law showed a distinct gain through the increased importation of articles still dutiable or articles imported in excess of the amount admitted free.

At every station here the train stopped yesterday great crowds were gathered at the stations. The president appeared on the rear platform at several of the larger cities, but made no speeches.

RECIPROCITY BILL

Was Ordered Up in the House at Once To-day.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—Immediately after the House met to-day Representative McCall of Massachusetts called up the Canadian reciprocity bill for immediate consideration. Objection was made by members of the District of Columbia committee, this being District day on the House calendar. The point of no quorum was also made. To insure a full vote a call of the House was ordered, and the absentees were summoned to the chamber.

INTERESTED IN RECIPROCITY.

Canada May be Detached from Great Britain, Nearer U. S. Politically

Paris, Feb. 12.—The French government is much interested in the plan for reciprocal trade relations now maturing between the two great northern governments, while French exporters are plainly apprehensive of the result. The feeling here is that a close commercial union between the United States and Canada will have the effect ultimately of diminishing French trade with the dominion. Baron Robert de Caixain says the agreement will be a force tending to detach Canada from Great Britain and draw her into political nearness with the United States, through the greater material advantages resulting to both nations.

MOVING PICTURES IN HOUSE.

Col. Goethals Will Show Congress Progress of Canal Work.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Representative Mann of Illinois has essayed a new role, that of promoter of a national moving picture show, to be held in the hall of representatives, at which Col. George W. Goethals of the Panama canal commission will be the lecturer.

Mr. Mann Saturday introduced a resolution and obtained the unanimous consent of the House for the performance, which will be given at 8 p. m. to-day. The screen for the cinematograph and stereoscopic views with which Col. Goethals' lecture will be illustrated will be swung over Speaker Cannon's desk. The resolution provides that members of the House and Senators may come to the floor of the House to witness the show, accompanied by the members of their immediate families. The scenes will illustrate work on the canal.

OBJECTS TO "CARNEGIE."

Impersonal Title for Peace Fund Urged by Senator Jones.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The bill to incorporate the Carnegie endowment for international peace was again held up in the Senate Saturday afternoon and refused consideration. Senator Jones sought to have the measure passed. Senator Jones of Washington objected.

Senator Gallinger, who is in charge of a bill to incorporate the Rockefeller foundation, said he would like time in which to carefully examine the Carnegie bill.

The opposition of Mr. Jones is based solely on the principle that the government should not perpetuate the name of any man, no matter how wealthy or distinguished. He would favor the proposition if an impersonal title were substituted for that of "Carnegie."

MAJOR ABBOTT'S FUNERAL.

Veteran of U. S. Army Given Touching Tribute Yesterday.

On the anniversary of that president under whom as commander-in-chief he had fought so valiantly in defense of the nation, Major Lemuel A. Abbott, U. S. A., who died at Aberdeen, Wash., on February 3, was accorded a soldier's farrow honor at the Universalist church in this city yesterday afternoon; and there were gathered to pay him respect comrades in arms, brothers in Masonry, old friends and acquaintances and a few of the distant relatives of the deceased. Among the last-named was Rev. Alvin M. Smith of Brownfield, Me., a second cousin, who delivered the eulogy and thus carried out a wish expressed by Major Abbott but a few months ago.

The casket of the Civil war veteran and noted Indian fighter in the 70's was draped with the flag which he loved so well; the form was clothed in the army blue, bearing the insignia of his rank, and on the breast were pinned the medals which were accorded to him for bravery under fire. And, lastly, at the close of the eulogy, the veterans of Cranford post, G. A. R., of this city, gave the soldier's farewell service, under leadership of Commander E. L. Smith of the post.

There were a score and more of veterans present at the funeral, some of them present from Waterbury, including Dr. E. J. Foster, commander of the Vermont department, G. A. R., Granite lodge, No. 35, F. and A. M., of which Major Abbott was a member, attended in a body. President C. H. Spooner of Norwich university and a detail of cadets from that institution were in attendance. The comrade, Robert E. Thompson, who had accompanied the remains from the Pacific coast, occupied a seat with Cranford post and was accorded touching tribute by the clergymen.

At the opening of the services, Miss Florence Sturtevant of Goddard seminary sang "Abide with Me," following which there was a scripture reading by Rev. E. C. Downey, pastor of the church. Then came a brief prayer by Rev. Mr. Smith, and a selection, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," by Miss Sturtevant and choir, by the singing "Heaven Is My Home," after the delivering of the eulogy.

At the opening of his remarks, Rev. Mr. Smith referred to the expressed wish of Major Abbott that he might be buried with his family in the Wilson cemetery in Barre town, that the funeral service might be held in the local Universalist church and that he, Rev. Mr. Smith, should take charge of the service. He was only recently said the speaker, that this wish had been stated, the love for the old home having overcome a former desire that his body might rest with the nation's soldiers in Arlington cemetery, near Washington, D. C. Therefore, the wishes were being carried out.

The speaker then outlined, briefly, the career of Major Abbott, his early enlistment in the Union cause, his bravery in battle, his advancement in rank and then, at the close of the Civil war, his entry on regular army service in the Indian warfare, during which he did his service for the nation, closing that service with a recommendation that the Indian be educated as a means of settling the question. In all this, Major Abbott was faithful, said the speaker.

His life, Rev. Mr. Smith continued, was a life of self-sacrifice and early manhood throughout. He had his many trials and he met them bravely. As a man he had many fine traits which were worthy of emulation. He was devoted to the cause of the church. His patriotism was shown by his service to the nation. His love for his native state and town was ever uppermost. All this he could assert from personal knowledge, declared the speaker.

Following the eulogy, the war veterans decorated the casket with floral emblems, during which the ritual was read. Then the people filed past the casket for the last look at the deceased; and the body was borne away to Elmwood cemetery, where it was placed in the tomb, to remain until spring, when interment will be at the Wilson cemetery, in compliance with the wish of the deceased. The hearse was a fine granite lodge of the Masons, being George N. Tilden, James R. Counts, James Wilson, J. A. Long, Frank M. Small and Dr. Joe W. Jackson.

RENEWS HIS CHARGES

That Collector Darling is Too Active in Burlington Affairs.

Burlington, Feb. 12.—Mayor Burke has received from Secretary of the Treasury MacVeach a brief certificate of the letter in which the mayor complained about Collector of Customs Darling taking an active part in the defeat of the electric light plant bonding bill in the legislature. The mayor has sent the secretary a second letter, renewing the charges against the collector, enclosing a copy of the resolution adopted by the board of aldermen last Monday evening and informing Mr. MacVeach that "the municipal electric light plant of Burlington is a self paying project."

MURDERED ON STREET.

Vincent Zito a Gambler, Was Fired on Eight Times.

New York, Feb. 12.—Vincent Zito, alias Jimmy Dunn, a gambler, ex-pugilist, ex-convict and gang-fighter, was shot and killed last night by two unknown men just as he stepped out of a billiard room in the Bronx. Four out of the eight bullets fired at him took effect. A policeman rushed up when he heard the shooting, steadied the dying man and asked him who shot him. The police believe the death was the outcome of a gang war.

COLORED SOLDIERS MAY LEAVE.

Possibility Those at Fort Ethan Allen May Go to Texas.

Burlington, Feb. 12.—There is a possibility that the 10th cavalry, now stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, will soon receive orders to move to Texas and be stationed along the Mexican border, where a number of troops have already been sent. Last night it was stated at the post that although nothing was known for a certainty, orders were expected about the first of March. The removal, if it takes place, will not be permanent, but simply to strengthen the position on the border during the insurrection in Mexico.

HORSE THIEF
SENTENCEDFred Barnett Was Given Not
Less Than Three Years

IN THE WINDSOR PRISON

He Asked State's Attorney Carver to File an Information Against Him To-day—Charged with Stealing Animal from R. C. Griffith of Moretown.

After being in Washington county jail for several weeks awaiting trial, Fred Barnett to-day asked State's Attorney Carver to file an information against him, charging horse stealing. This information was brought by the state's attorney, and Barnett was subsequently arraigned in Montpelier city court. The respondent at once pleaded guilty and was sentenced to not less than three years and not more than seven years in the state prison at Windsor, where he will be kept shortly.

The specific charge against Barnett was stealing a horse from R. C. Griffith of Moretown last fall. The animal was traced to Waterbury, then to Stowe and finally to Morrisville, where it was recovered for Mr. Griffith only a few weeks ago. After the recovery of the animal, Barnett was arrested at Elmore and was brought to the county jail to await the next session of county court.

BARN BURNED, CELLEY ARRESTED.

Footprints From and to Railroad Track Alleged to Be Celley's.

The barn of M. J. Herbert in Middlesex was burned to the ground yesterday and William Celley is in jail at Montpelier, charged with setting it on fire. When the barn was found on fire it was discovered that fresh tracks in the snow led from the railroad track to the building and back again, coming from the direction of Waterbury and leaving in the direction of Montpelier. It also developed that William Celley, who gives his residence as Burlington, left Waterbury about 12:45 and started off on the railroad track toward Middlesex. After a time the fire was discovered. Later in the afternoon, about a mile this side of Middlesex, E. Julien and C. White of Barre, who were walking to Waterbury, met Celley and when they reached Middlesex the barn was burned down. They notified the owner of the building of the man whom they had met and he communicated with Sheriff Tracy.

Office, at once started out and met Celley, bringing him to the county jail. Of course he denied setting the fire and asserted that he had not left the railroad track and also that he was never arrested before. In attempting to verify this latter statement, it was found that he had served two years in state prison for larceny, another term for horse stealing and a number for intoxication, being sentenced from Rutland, Chelsea, Burlington and Montpelier.

Celley's overshoes were tried in the footprints from the track to the barn and were found to fit perfectly, and State's Attorney J. Ward Carver will investigate the case thoroughly, during which time Celley will be confined in jail.

Mr. Herbert's barn contained ten tons of hay and his farming implements. The loss will be between \$500 and \$600. Celley was arraigned in Montpelier city court to-day and he waived examination. Bail was fixed at \$1,000, which he was unable to furnish, and he was remanded to jail to await the next session of court.

FIRE AT LEWISTON, ME.

Assumed Threatening Proportions Last Evening.

Lewiston, Me., Feb. 12.—A threatening fire broke out in the business section of the city at 9 o'clock last night. It started in Michael Brownstein's block on Lisbon street, near Chestnut street, and was under good headway when discovered. Despite the efforts of the firemen the flames spread to Mendelson Bros' block.

Brownstein conducted a large pawn brokers' business in his block, while George E. Michael's harness and leather goods store was located in Mendelson Bros' block. Both blocks were gutted. Brownstein places the loss on his buildings at \$7,000. Mendelson Bros' block was valued at about \$7,000. Michael's stock was estimated at \$6,000. These losses are practically covered by insurance.

MOTHER HAD NERVE.

Threw Mattress From Burning House and Then Children On It.

Hudson, Mass., Feb. 12.—Awakened by the crackling of flames early yesterday and unable to make her escape by the stairway, Mrs. O. W. Watson of Gospel hill threw a mattress out of the second story window, dropped her two children on it and then jumped herself. She had had no time to dress and barefooted, the trio made their way through the snow to the nearest neighbor's house a quarter of a mile away. The children suffered from lacerations of the feet, and Mrs. Watson had several toes frozen.

LOOKING AFTER \$30,000,000 LOAN.

Senator Latour Will Have Charge of Negotiations With American Financiers.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—Senator Don Francisco Sanchez-Latoro, who has charge of the affairs of the Guatemalan legation, left last night for Guatemala. As the national treasurer of that country, he will take active charge of the details of the \$30,000,000 loan now being negotiated with American financiers.

NO SENATOR ELECTED YET.

Not a Quorum To-day on Twenty-third Ballot in Albany.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 12.—There was not a quorum to-day on the twenty-third ballot for United States senator.

"SOCIALISM IS THE GOSPEL"

And Churches Cannot Afford to Depart from It, Says Rev. Macarthur.

An audience of 700 people attended the lecture on socialism by Rev. George Macarthur of Granville at the opera house last evening, held under the auspices of the socialist party of this city. Preceding the lecture, a vocal solo was rendered by Miss Emma Phillips and Rev. and Mrs. Macarthur sang a duet. John T. Callaghan recited an original poem entitled, "Some Things That May Happen." The speaker was introduced by Rev. W. E. Braisted of the Baptist church.

Dr. Macarthur took for the text of his discourse the following words from the scripture, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Someone's will must govern on this earth, he declared, and as no one can question but that God's will is the only will to govern this earth, it is for the people to say whether His will shall govern. "I believe we are on the eve of better days. I am not one to sigh for the good old days gone by, for I believe that the present days are far better. There is a heaven permeating the masses of working people. Call it socialism or what you will, it is surely sweeping over this country and doing good. Socialism is the gospel and the church cannot afford to depart from it."

To the question, what is socialism, you receive all kinds of strange answers; but if you study the question carefully you will see that the socialists are really looking for the light that will never grow dimmer. The aim of socialism is to change conditions by legislation so that the working people can get a competent recompense for their labor. We cannot equalize wealth but we can arrange our affairs so that there will be a fairer distribution. In contrast with the past labor today is treated with respect and it might be still better off if the working men would be careful and see to it that they are in condition physically and mentally to do their best.

We sometimes hurt our cause by continually crying against the rich man. Let the men alone and turn to measures. Socialists are beginning to see this and to realize that ballots are better than bullets. Socialists realize that men ought to obey the laws whether the laws are good or bad; but if they are bad get them off the statute books as quickly as possible. The ultimate aim of socialism is to get a controlling power in the government, and that it is coming can be foreseen in the fact that in 1896 the socialist party was the sixth party in this country and in 1904 it was the third. Who shall say that it will not be first? The principles of socialism are truth and right, and any movement which has truth and right on its side no power on earth can quell.

It is the aim of socialism to bring about, by legislation, conditions whereby there will be no longer any need for poor houses. Too large a per cent. of the working people are working for a bare living, and it is the aim of socialists to change conditions so that it will not be possible for 90 per cent. of the wealth to be owned by one per cent. of the people. It is the aim of socialism to establish a central court where people can get advice on questions of law free of charge; to establish government control of the telephone and telegraph, railroads and mines; abolish capital punishment.

"I pray that socialism may triumph on this earth and the churches should take the lead in this noble work, for if we leave God out of it it cannot succeed."

HEARD ABOUT OLD LONDON.

Interesting Paper on the English City Read to Ministers' Monday Club.

At the meeting of the Ministers' Monday club at the Hedding Methodist church to-day, a talk was given by Rev. Frank Blomfield, pastor of the Congregational church at Berlin, on "From Pudding Lane to Piccadilly," it being a description of the old city of London before the great fire of 1666. The city, which stood on one square mile of ground, and with its old buildings, walls and gates, furnished an interesting topic for study. Rev. Mr. Blomfield, who comes from England, has spent some time in looking up the history of London in the city itself.

The ministers were guests to-day of Rev. J. W. Barnett, pastor of the Congregational church of this city, and Rev. D. H. Strong, pastor of the Congregational church at Williamstown.

Following dinner served at the City hotel, another session was held at the afternoon, at which Rev. V. F. Hendon of Montpelier presented a paper on "The Religious Life of Abraham Lincoln."

SOME CONTESTS

In Ward Elections Are Expected at the Coming City Election.

While it now looks as if there would be no candidate against Mayor Mutch in the coming city election, there does promise to be a lively interest over the selection of aldermen in wards 1, 3 and 5. In ward 1, it now looks as if both W. J. Clapp and Will H. Ward would be candidates in the caucus for that office. In Ward 3 the names of Richard Grigg, Irving Whitehead and A. J. Loranger have been mentioned as possible candidates, and in ward 5 opposition to the reelection of Alderman Rossi is talked. It is said Frank E. Conolly may oppose him in the caucus. Caucuses are due to be held this week.

James McAdam, who was last year elected for the one-year assessor term, will be a candidate for re-election this year. He will be opposed in the caucus by Clarence J. Lease.

NOTED SOLDIER DEAD.

Gen. Alexander Stewart Webb, a Gettysburg Hero, Gone.

New York, Feb. 12.—Gen. Alexander Stewart Webb, who as chief of staff under General Meade, repulsed Pickett's charge at Gettysburg and who held the Bloody Angle at Spotsylvania, died at 10 o'clock last night. He was born in New York of fighting stock. At one time he was an instructor at West Point and was president of the college of the city of New York from 1870 to 1903.

SUES THREE
FOR DAMAGES

New Development in Domestic Affairs of John Ariola

AS RESULT OF A SCRAP

Three Defendants Assert That Ariola Was Trying to Kidnap His Child and They Went to Aid of Mrs. Ariola in Her Rooms.

John Ariola has brought suit for \$5,000 damages against Elia and John Galli and John Trontini as a result of the fight in the Sanguinetti block a week ago Sunday night, in which Ariola is alleged to have been badly used up. It is claimed by the defendants that their part in the fracas was provoked by Ariola's alleged attempt to kidnap his young child from Mrs. Ariola's rooms in the block. An injunction was placed on Ariola last fall by the court, restraining him from touching the child or entering his wife's home. It is claimed by the defendants that Ariola entered his wife's rooms and in attempting to take the child injured Mrs. Ariola and that when the defendants went to her assistance he attacked them with a knife and that they were cut and bitten by Ariola.

On the other hand, the plaintiff claims that he was knocked over the head with a pitcher and then thrown down stairs by the defendants. The papers were served on the three defendants Saturday night by Deputy Sheriff Morris, and they furnished bail for their appearance in county court.

DOING FINE WORK.

Vermont Federation of Woman's Clubs Reports Given.

Mrs. O. K. Hollister returned from Bellows Falls the last of the week, where she attended the meeting of the executive board of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs, as president of the Philanthropic club of this city. Clubs from Poultney, Burlington and Northfield were admitted, making a total of 36 clubs in the federation. The scholarship offered in the normal school at Castleton for two years to one who would agree to teach in rural schools for two years was given to Miss Parker of Waterbury.

Reports were heard from the committees in the different lines of work, which showed that the federation is especially active in regard to pure food, conservation, social conditions and legislation. Mrs. Nelson Phelps was appointed a member of the committee to consider the plan of work for the national convention